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ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Steering Committee for the Fifth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas

Paper submitted by the United Nations Secretariat

The Fourth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas, in resolution 1, recommended that a technical steering committee, consisting of one member each from North America, Central America, the Caribbean and South America, should be established to design, in consultation with countries of the region, the substantive content of the Fifth Conference. The Committee would be chaired by the Chief of the Cartography Unit of the United Nations Department of Technical Cooperation for Development of the United Nations Secretariat. The Committee would meet 18 months prior to the convening of the Fifth Conference.

Recognizing that the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) carried out technical cooperation in cartographic applications in the region, the Fourth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas recommended, in resolution 4, that the United Nations Secretariat and PAIGH establish mutual cooperation in that area.

In response to that recommendation, representatives of PAIGH met with members of the United Nations Secretariat to discuss preparations for a meeting of the Steering Committee. The representative of PAIGH stated that

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the Augustín Codazzi Geographic Institute (Bogotá, Colombia) had offered secretariat support, a place for the meeting of the Steering Committee and local transportation. The United Nations would provide travel for some of the members of the Committee and per diem. After an extensive exchange of communications between the United Nations Secretariat, PAIGH and countries, the following were nominated as members of the Steering Committee:

(a) Alvaro Gonzales Fletcher, Director-General, Instituto Geográfico Augustín Codazzi, Colombia;

(b) Carlos Leonardo Mendoza Proessing, Sub-Director Cartográfico, Instituto Geográfico Augustín Codazzi, Colombia;

(c) José Joaquín Hungría, Presidente Sección Nacional de PAIGH, Dominican Republic;

(d) Paul L. Peeler, Jr., Technical Director, Defense Mapping Agency, United States of America;

(e) José A. Saenz, National Director of the Tommy Guardea National Geographic Institute, Panama;

(f) Karl. H. Szekielda, Chief, Cartography and Remote Sensing Unit, Department of Technical Cooperation for Development, United Nations Secretariat.

The Steering Committee met in Bogotá, Colombia, on 25 and 26 July 1991 to consider the outline of an agenda for the Fifth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas. The outline took into account the needs and requirements of Latin America in the following areas:

(a) GPS and associated control points;

(b) Remote sensing applied to cartography;

(c) Geographic and land information systems.

After making several revisions, the Steering Committee approved the provisional agenda for the Conference (see E/CONF.86/1).